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TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: FW: Illinois Firm Recalls Ground Beef Products That May Contain Foreign Materials

Suggested Action: **CLASS III RECALL; Ground Beef Products That May Contain Foreign Materials; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.**

From the information provided by USDA, the product being recalled was NOT distributed in the State of Indiana, but was in the neighboring States of Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky . The problem was discovered after the company received complaints from institutional customers about finding metal clips, which were used to seal the casing chubs, in the product. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

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WASHINGTON, May 29, 2009 - Holten Meat, Inc., a Sauget, Ill., establishment, is recalling approximately 241,000 pounds of ground beef product that may contain foreign materials, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced today.

The following product is subject to recall: [View Label]

20-pound cases of "100% PURE GROUND BEEF BULK." Each case contains four (4) 5-pound Keeper Casing Chubs per box, which can be identified by the package code "12000" and the label code "1007982112000." Each product is also labeled "PACKED FOR INSTITUTIONAL USE ONLY" — "NOT FOR RESALE."

Each label bears the establishment number "EST-02591" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The product was produced on various dates from January 2009 through May 2009 and was distributed to institutions in Del., Fla., Ill., Ky., N.C., N.M., Ohio, S.C., Tenn., Texas, and Va.

The problem was discovered after the company received complaints from institutional customers about finding metal clips, which were used to seal the casing chubs, in the product. FSIS has not received any consumer complaints at this time. Neither FSIS nor the establishment has received reports of injury at this time. Anyone concerned about an injury from consumption of the products should contact a physician.

Media and consumer questions regarding the recall should be directed to the Company spokesperson, Pat Flanigan at: (618) 337-8400, ext. 261.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.

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Product Label

PACKED FOR INSTITUTIONAL USE ONLY

**100% PURE
GROUND
BEEF
BULK**



Net Wt. 20 Lb. 12000

USDA Recall Classifications

Class I	This is a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.
Class II	This is a health hazard situation where there is a remote probability of adverse health consequences from the use of the product.
Class III	This is a situation where the use of the product will not cause adverse health consequences.